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Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £50,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 49, Threadneedle Street. West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 6 per cent. per annum.
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ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £88,168,069.50
RESERVE FUND £5,482,127.20
RESERVE LIABILITY OF £88,163,069.50
PROVISIONS, £1,000.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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LOCAL BILL DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 11, 1890. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG & SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositor in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 12, 1890. 754

Intimations.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Have just received their New Stock of Carpets, Curtains and Furnishing Goods in this season's designs.

Comprising:

VICTORIAN AXMINSTER PARQUET CARPETS woven in one piece without seam.

WILTON VELVET PILE CARPETS with Borders and Rugs to match.

BRUSSELS CARPETS in Art Designs and Colourings, with Borders and Rugs to match.

BALMORAL CARPETS in Art Designs and Colourings, with Borders and Rugs to match.

TAPESTRY CARPETS with Borders and Rugs to match.

A special selection of patterns from \$1.00 per yard.

KENSINGTON CARPETS.—These are inexpensive but most Artistic productions of the English Loom, woven in one piece, without seam, Bordered, Fringed, and reversible; may be had in a variety of Patterns and Sizes.

BRUSSELS AND KIDDER SQUARES Bordered and Fringed; A great variety to select from, can be laid same day as purchased.

Special note.—All last year's Patterns greatly reduced.

CURTAINS.

A SPLENDID SELECTION OF TAPESTRY CROSS-STRIPED CURTAINS.

4 yds. long, from \$9.00 per pair.

CHENILLE CURTAINS in Exquisite Colourings—Crimson, Gold, Slat, Terra cotta &c., woven in the Curtain, with Border and Dado to match.

JEYPORE CURTAINS

NATTAM CURTAINS, FRINGED.

KERASUNDA CURTAINS

ORMUDZ CHENILLE CURTAINS

—Also—

A very large Selection of Nottingham Lace and light fabric Curtains in new styles.

TAPESTRIES AND COVERING FABRICS;

A splendid Selection of patterns in Wool, Silk and Wool, and Silk Tapestries, for Curtains and Covering furniture, double width from \$1.00 per yard.

ART SERGES, IN ALL THE NEW SHADES,

54 INCHES WIDE, \$1.00 PER YARD.

TAPESTRY AND CHENILLE TABLE COVERS IN EVERY SIZE.

SILK FURNITURE PLUSHES, VELVETS AND ROMAN SATINS IN ALL

THE NEWEST SHADES.

BLANKETS AND EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

California, Saxony, and Witney Blankets in every size. Eider Down Quilts and

Pillows in a variety of coverings. Every description of

Household Drapery.

BEDSTEADS AND SPRING MATTESSES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have seldom less than 100 Bedsteads in stock of various patterns to suit all purchasers; they have just received a consignment of Elegant Brass and Mother-of-Pearl Bedsteads,

which are now on view.

(IN THIS, AS IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS, WE OFFER THE BEST VALUE OBTAINABLE.)

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SANITARY WOVEN-WIRE SPRING MATTRESSES IN EVERY SIZE, TO FIT ANY BEDSTEAD.

BEDDING:

LANE, CRAWFORD & COMPANY'S BEDDING is all manufactured by themselves and guaranteed pure, none but New and First class Materials being used. Nearly all sizes are kept ready-made in stock and any size can be made on the shortest notice.

OLD MATTRESSES taken to pieces, purified and re-made.

FURNITURE.

Every description of Household Furniture, Drawing Room, Dining Room and Bed-room Suites, Cabinets and Overmantels, &c., &c.

Old Furniture re-covered equal to new. Estimates and designs free.

Our New Stock of

FENDERS, FIRE IRONS, FIRE DOGS, ASH PANS, COAL VASES, FIRE SCREENS, NURSERY GUARDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. respectfully ask intending purchasers to compare the quality and prices of their Goods before purchasing elsewhere.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
Complete House Furnishers.

Hongkong, November 8th, 1890.

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Business Notices.

NEW HATS.

CHRISTY'S AND HEATH'S BLACK, BROWN AND GREY FELT HATS.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE TERAI AND OTHER SOFT FELTS.

BEST ENGLISH-MADE STRAW HATS.

LADIES' FELT HELMETS, AND

CALCUTTA PITH HATS,

TWEED CAPS.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

Hongkong, July 28, 1890.

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STREAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOU, NEW-CHIANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Principeps,

Capt. WENSTRI, will be despatched as above TOMORROW, the 9th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, November 8, 1890. 1890

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

Amoy,

Capt. TH. LEIMANN, will be despatched from the above Port TOMORROW, the 9th Inst., at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.,

Hongkong, November 8, 1890. 1890

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTIWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LIVERPOOL and DRESDEN.)

The Steamship

Agria,

will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 10th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, November 8, 1890. 1890

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.

(Calling at COLOMBO if sufficient inducement offers.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s

Steamship

Lombardy,

Capt. J. F. JENKIN, will leave for the above places on MONDAY, the 10th Inst., at 3 p.m.

E. L. WOODIN,

Superintendent.

P. & O. S.

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL.
GRACIE PLAISTED'S
"MY SWEETHEART"
COMPANY.

To-night,
SATURDAY, November 8th,
"MARIANA,"

Assisted by some of
THE LEADING HONGKONG AMATEURS.

Box Play at Messrs KELLY & WALSH'S.
CHAS. HARDING,
Manager.
Hongkong, November 8, 1890. 1889

Notices to Consignees.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenline* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo by her are hereby informed
that their Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG
AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWNS CO.,
Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
14th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all
Claims for damages and/or shortages not
later than the 21st instant, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 7, 1890. 1915

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

STEAMSHIP *SIKI*,
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL,
PENANG & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns of
the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
Noon To-day, the 5th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods
remaining after the 11th instant will be
subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 11th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 5, 1890. 1905

STEAMSHIP *MELBOURNE*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo from London
and Havre ex Steamship *Guadalquivir*,
and from Bordeaux ex Steamship *Ville de Lille*, in connection with the above
Steamer, are hereby informed that their
Goods—with the exception of Opium,
Treasure and Valuables—are being landed
and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless
information is received from the Consignee
before Noon To-day (Wednesday), requir-
ing it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after THURS-
DAY, the 13th November, at Noon, will be
subject to rent, and landing charges at one
cent per packet per day.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or
before the 15th November (SATURDAY), or
they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 6, 1890. 104

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

STEAMSHIP *SUSSEX*,
FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA,
KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Com-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery of
their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 4, 1890. 1899

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenorchy*, Capt. R. HAY,
having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading
to the Undersigned for co-signature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Euston Pier,
and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be
effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 16th Inst., or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 6, 1890. 1899

Intimates.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1889

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested
to send in to this Office a List of their
Contributions of Premium for the year end-
ing 31st December last, in Order that the
PROVISION of PROFIT for that year
may be Paid as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS
as may be arranged. Returns not sent in
before the 30th instant, will be made up
by the Company, and no subsequent Claims
or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1890. 1878

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE

M. R. MAHMEED BHOY PUCKER RAY
being a man to proceed to Bombay,
Mr. SOOMAR BHOOY M. W. J. S. assumes
charge of my BUSINESS from this date and
is authorized to sign the Firm in Hongkong
and China.

ERAHIMBHOOY PABANEY.

Hongkong, November 1, 1890. 1878

15 LET.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

TO LET.

THAT Suite of OFFICES on the FIRST
FLOOR of the Company's Premises in
ICE HOUSE LANE, at present occupied by
Messrs. H. H. D. W. & Co., with entrance
from Queen's Road. Possession from 1st
March next.

Also,

ONE GODOWN on the GROUND FLOOR
which can be let in connection with the
above Office, or separately as desired.

For Full Particulars, apply to the MANA-
GER at the Depot, or to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 27, 1890. 1878

TO LET.

NOS. 7, 9 & 11, SEYNNOR TERRACE,
No. 4, OLD DALEY STREET,
OFFICES AND CHAMBERS in CON-
NELL HOUSE, Queen's Road Central,
OFFICE in VICTORIA BUILDINGS,
ST. MUSUMI, MAGAZINE GATE,
No. 3, GOUGH HILL, THE BREAK—FUR-
NISHED.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, October 10, 1890. 1878

TO LET.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

OFFICES at No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL
(above Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &
Co.'s premises).

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, October 23, 1890. 1878

TO BE LET.

THREE HOUSES at Wild Dell Build-
ing, Wan Chai Road.

A BUGLWAN and HOUSE on the Upper
Richmond Road.

No. 1 RICHMOND TERRACE, Six
Dwelling Rooms, English Kitchen, Fowl
House, Conservatory, and well shaded
Touin Lawn.

Apply to
HENRY HUMPHREYS.

TO BE LET or SOLD,
On favourable terms, with Immediate
Possession.

EIGHT HOUSES at MOUNTAIN VIEW,
Peak District, near Plunkett's Gap.

If sold, part of the Purchase money can
remain on Mortgage.

Apply to
JOHN A. JUDD.

33, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, October 4, 1890. 1501

TO LET.

1ST FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 15, PRAYA
CENTRAL.

2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to
LAI HING & Co.,
No. 153, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, March 21, 1890. 529

TO LET.

(With Immediate Possession.)

B L U E B U I L D I N G S.

FIRST FLOOR of No. 1.

GROUND FLOOR of No. 2.

FIRST FLOOR of No. 3.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, October 8, 1890. 1366

TO LET.

THE HOTEL MARINA.

LIMITED.

C H E M I S T S.

DAKIN'S EMULSION OF PURE
COD LIVER OIL.

FOR PHLEBITIS, COLDS, COUGHS, SCROFULA,
DISEASES OF CHILDREN, AND GENERAL
DEBILITY.

This Emulsion is prepared on a large
scale by means of the most improved
machinery and with the purest ingredients.

It is guaranteed to contain 50 per cent. of
the finest Norwegian Cod Liver Oil.

It is sweet and pleasant to the palate, and
easily borne by the most delicate stomach, and
is equal in every respect to any similar pre-
paration sold, and at about half the price.

12-oz. Bottles \$1.00.
Per dozen \$10.00.

DAKIN'S EMULSION OF COD LIVER
OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES.

This is the same Emulsion with the addition
of the Hypophosphites.

12-oz. Bottles \$1.00.
Per dozen \$10.00.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Cardiganshire* reports:

Had light variable winds between Nagasaki
and Oseukan; from which place wind fre-
quently from N.E. and N.W. Strong breeze
and equally of Lammocks, heavy clouds,
but little rain.

The British steamer *Yuenzang* reports:

From Singa no light N.E. wind and fine
weather. From Swatow strong and fresh
E.N.E. wind and fine, shower at times.

The British steamer *Haitan* reports:

No wind, clear N.E. breeze, with
considerable sea, and dark overcast weather.

Left Swatow 7th, had moderate N.E. to N.W.
breeze, with dark and overcast weather. In
Macao 6th, had strong N.E. breeze, with
considerable sea, and dark overcast weather.

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BUSINESS IN FOOCHOW.—which has been extremely slow for some time past has, we understand, much revived during the month ended.—*Foochow Echo.*

Lia- Thirday, at about midnight, says the *Foochow Echo* of last inst., fire broke out in the vicinity of the China Telegraph offices, but fortunately the house where it originated was the only one destroyed.

The French mail which arrived at Singapore on the 29th ult. brought M. A. de Vyvodaoff, the new Russian Consul for Singapore. M. de Vyvodaoff, who has his distinction of being the first official Russian Consul for the Straits Settlement, was formerly Russian Vice-Consul at Hamburg.

A SECOND PROCLAMATION has been issued by the Foochow authorities prohibiting any pig slaughterers, for another five days, in order to obtain from the dogs the much-needed rain, and since at Thursday soldiers were seen patrolling the streets with orders to arrest either sellers or buyers of the meat. The authorities firmly believe that it is owing to the neglect and disobedience of the people that the Joss has not yet granted the petition!

DEATH RATE IN ENGLAND AND FRANCE.—The birth-rate in France is 23 per 1,000, whilst in England it is 31. The death-rate in France was, during 1884-5, 22.3 per 1,000, as against 19 in the case of the Channel. Thus the death-rate in a given population is as seven to six between them and us. Such are the ominous figures which a *Times* correspondent has worked out and he attributes much of this abnormal mortality amongst our French neighbours to "fifth disease." The *Times* leader adds another cause, and considers that the penurious habits of the French have something to do with it. They do not feed themselves well enough, because they want to save. There is three times as much fever over there as here. Comparing Paris with London, the death-rate of the last five years was there 23.6, and with us 19. Fine, however, must be also qualified in favour by adjusting it to the comparative birth-rate. Typhoid fever carried off in Paris during three years 1,072 victims, and in London, which is twice as populous, only 612. There is in fact nearly four times as much fever in that city, and three times as much fever in ours, as in our metropolis. All the leading French towns exceed even our Manchester, which has just now an enviable notoriety, and there are two of them; whose mortality has actually risen to 63 per thousand.—*Rock.*

THE CHINESE EVOLUTION THEORY.—The rocks are the bones of the Divine body, the soil is the flesh, the metals are the nerves and veins; the tide, wind, rain, clouds, frost, and dew are caused by its respirations, pulsations, and exhalations. Originally the mountains rose to the firmament, and the seas covered the mountains to their tops. As that was there in the Divine body no life besides the Divine life. Then the waters subsided; small herbs grew, and in the spaces created developed into shrubs and trees. As the body of man, unawakened for years, breeds worms, so the mountains, unawakened by the seas, breed worms and insects, greater creatures developing out of lesser. Section in the course of ages became more, earth-worms became serpents, high-flying insects became birds, some of the turtles became pheasants, egrets became cranes, and wild-cats became tigers. The living man was by degrees transformed into a man, and some of the species became birds. A hundred years made a fire by striking crystal upon a rock, and with the spark struck out, igniting the dry grass. With the fire they cooked food, and by eating warm victuals they grew large, and strong and knowing, and were finally changed into men.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. The Acting Colonial Secretary, Hon. W. M. Deane, presided, and there were also present:—The Acting Colonial Treasurer, Hon. H. E. Wodehouse; The Surveyor General, Hon. Samuel Brown; The Acting Registrar General, Hon. N. G. Mitchell Innes; Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. G. P. Chater, Hon. Ho Kai and Hon. T. H. Whitehead. The Chairman moved that the sum of \$7,012 be voted for the Surveyor General's Department.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Mr. Ryrie proposed that the method of considering the estimates adopted in Singapore be followed by the Hongkong Legislative Council, i.e. that the estimates be referred to the consideration of the unofficial members. He thought it would be a very good course to adopt. They were often told that Singapore did this and Ceylon and Mauritius did this; and he thought in this case they might very well follow the example of Singapore. The unofficial members were not satisfied with the estimates; they were not satisfied with the salaries that had been voted to certain officials of the Government; and altogether they wished to have an opportunity of considering the estimates in the manner adopted by the Singapore Council.

The Chairman.—Would you tell me the terms of your motion?

Mr. Ryrie.—That the unofficial members should consider the estimates in the manner done in Singapore.

The Chairman.—I must rule your motion as out of order. It would be entirely in order if brought forward in the Legislative Council, but it is not in order in Finance Committee. In Council I should have nothing to say, except to discuss the motion on its merits. As a matter of procedure I must hold the motion as out of order in Finance Committee.

Mr. Ryrie.—In that case, we shall all vote against anything proposed by the chair.

The Chairman.—I have nothing to do with that.

Mr. Ryrie.—Steering you have ruled my motion out of order, I propose that the Finance Committee do adjourn to next Monday, until after the meeting of Council.

The Chairman.—That is a perfectly legitimate motion.

Mr. Ho Kai.—I beg to second the motion.

The Chairman.—Under the circumstances mentioned by the Hon. member on my right, from which I gather that when the Legislative Council is held he proposed to move a certain motion which might affect the proceeding of this Finance Committee, I do not think there will be any objection to the motion for adjournment.

The motion was agreed to and the Committee adjourned.

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY.

A LIVELY MEETING.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of this company was held to-day in the Hongkong Hotel. M. B. Layton president there were present:—Messrs. E. A. Solomon, F. A. Gomes, C. S. Sharp, D. R. Sasseon, H. Wicking, W. Parfano, S. Ben-David, R. Gutthay, S. A. Joseph W. Judd, S. I. Danby, J. Barton, Ho Fuk, M. S. Sasseon, J. Wheeler, S. F. Perry, S. L. Parry, O. J. Hirst, A. G. Conner, Do Watley Layton, C. S. Barff, J. J. Francis, G. C.; A. B. Johnson, G. Fenwick, E. E. Abrahamson (General Manager), and T. Hallward (Secretary).

The Chairman and Gentlemen, the accounts and reports have been in your hands for some few days, and before proceeding to move their adoption I shall be glad to answer any questions. I repeat very much that at this second annual meeting I trust to give a satisfactory account of the progress of the Company. We have been very disappointed by the continued dullness of the timber trade, which has provided us making quick sales, and indeed have been hampered with heavy stocks, and have as have been sold cleared; nor I regret to say, does there seem any immediate chance of improvement. The San Mills in Sandakan which were, and are expected to be one of our chief sources of revenue have only just been completed, they took considerably longer to build than anticipated, and are now fully employed, and we hope will justify the amount sunk on them. We are assured that there is every prospect of constant employment for them. The Hongkong Saw Mills have again lost money, and the account is still in the red. The Chairman.—Slu is now on charter and is returning a profit of \$500 per month.

Mr. Francis.—Might I ask if the agency charges were included in "Sundry Creditors" last year?

The Chairman.—I really cannot say. I don't think they run any charge at all.

Mr. Francis.—It did not appear in the accounts at all?

The Chairman.—No.

Mr. Francis.—Did Mr. Abrahamson's salary?

The Chairman.—No.

Mr. Francis.—These two charges the year are for eighteen months instead of twelve?

The Chairman.—Yes.

Mr. Francis.—Should not that have appeared on the face of the accounts?

The Chairman.—I don't think it was necessary.

Mr. Wicking.—I for one should have understood it at least if it had appeared.

The Chairman.—It is impossible to give every item.

Mr. Wicking.—At all events it is perfectly fair to ask about them.

The Chairman.—You are quite right to ask, but of course you must admit it is impossible to put all these things in the accounts. Any shareholder who wishes for further information with regard to my particular case can go to the agents and satisfy himself.

Mr. Francis.—As a mistake was made in the accounts last year and is now being corrected, it should be referred to. Where a mistake such as that is made, running up to about \$4,000, I think it should be mentioned in the report or otherwise. May I ask what account for the remainder of the difference in the amount of the charges? The \$2,500 does not account for the entire difference.

Mr. Wicking.—The difference is about \$7,000.

The Chairman.—I think you will find it is only about \$3,000. The charges last year were \$4,477 and this year are \$11,500. The amount includes office expenses, \$975; lawyers' fees, \$715, passage money to and from Hongkong \$1475, stationery \$925, stamp and stamp duty \$65, &c. With the difference accounted for, the balance is \$3,500.

The Chairman.—I think you will find it is a mistake to put before you, but as it is I have endeavoured to explain it to you. I shall be prepared to answer any question you give me any explanation that I possibly can before moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

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